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May I again express my appreciation for the confidence that you have shown concerning both my character and ability. I consider it an honor to have been asked to serve your agency.

Hence, it is with sincere regret that I have decided to decline the offer. Considering the scope of the project which you have in mind, I would feel obligated to spend at least a full month in preparation. Also, during the course of the seminar, I would not feel justified in spending any sizable portion of the time on my own research.

You are aware of the academic problem which I face. Until I complete my doctoral thesis I can not become a fully qualified member of the academic profession. As you, yourself, have pointed out, the Civil Service Commission also considers a Ph.D. to be more highly qualified than other consultants, no matter what the scholastic and practical qualifications of the latter may be. Therefore, I believe that by completing my thesis as soon as possible I will increase my value both to the government and to

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It is my judgment that during next summer I could not do justice to two projects and I believe that you will agree with me that in the long run it would be more beneficial, both to the government and to myself, to finish my thesis and obtain my degree.

However, I hope that in the future, after completing the requirements for a doctoral degree, I may be of service to your agency.

Sincerely yours,

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